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Home & Garden workshop prepares homeowners for spring
Macomb County residents interested in improving the safety, security and curb appeal of their front yard are encouraged to sign up for the 2008 Practical Home & Garden Workshop, offered by Macomb County MSU Extension.

The four-part series is free and will take place from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, April 16, 23, 30, and May 7 at the St. John Conner Creek Village, 4777 E. Outer Drive in Detroit.

Classes will include:

- **Face It:** Have the sharpest house on the street by fixing doors, windows and lights.
- **Blight and Bug Busters:** Learn to control blight and pests while protecting the environment.
- **How Does Your Garden Grow?:** Learn to take care of lawns, flowers, shrubs and trees.
- **Curb Appeal:** Learn to make a landscape plan with the help of MSU Extension Master Gardener volunteers.

The first 30 homeowners residing in the V-8 Gateway area (between 6-and-10 Mile roads, and between Mound and Hoover roads), who participate in all four classes, including submitting an improvement plan, are eligible to receive \$200 for a house or front yard makeover.

Anyone who has received funds in the past is ineligible to receive funds again (although they may still attend the classes).

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-469-6430.

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Macomb MSU Extension offers Money Management program

Macomb County residents who want to get their finances in order or make home-ownership a reality are encouraged to attend a free, eight-week series of classes on managing personal finances.

Participants will learn how to clean up their credit, basic financial management skills, how to save for a down payment on a home and how to make their home-ownership a success.

Classes will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5 and 12, at the Mount Calvary Community Center, 8129 Packard Ave. in Warren.

Participants who attend all the classes and complete all the course work will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the series.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-469-6430.

Pruning program helps homeowners get trees, shrubs in shape

Have a tree or bush that needs pruning but don't know where to start? Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE) is offering a class on pruning from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 26 in the MSUE assembly rooms, 21885 Dunham Road (near entrance E) in Clinton Township.

Speaker Joe Aiken, a certified arborist and ARBORjet representative will teach correct pruning methods and provide information helpful to both beginner and experienced gardeners.

There is a \$15 fee for the program and registration is required.

For more information or to register, call 586-469-6440.

4-H photography club seeks members

Macomb County youths ages nine to 19 years old, interested in learning about and exploring photography as a hobby are encouraged to join a new photography club offered by Macomb County MSU Extension's 4-H Youth program.

Participants will learn photography history, photography technique, basic camera functions, and will study various famous photographers.

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Photo assignments also will be given and group field trips will give participants a chance to try out their new techniques.

The group will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month (locations will vary) and participants can expect at least one field trip per month.

All camera types (film, digital, etc.) are accommodated and parents are welcome to participate with their children.

There is a \$10 fee for anyone not already involved with Macomb County 4-H.

For more information or to join the group, call Jim at 586-307-8289 or e-mail james.kaiser@macombcountymi.gov.

For more information on any of the Macomb MSUE community programs including Children-Youth-Family, Agriculture and Natural Resources or Community and Economic Development, please call 586-469-5180, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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